

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MAY 18, 2015

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes from 5-4-15. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Tim Spahr asked the Commissioners for permission to use the rotunda of the Courthouse for the Flag Day presentation (June 14th) if it is raining at that time. Commissioner West made a motion to allow, with Judge Spahr accepting responsibility, to use the rotunda in case of rain. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Judge Spahr also asked the Commissioners for permission to pay for ½ of the carpet replacement before replacement starts and ½ at completion. Commissioner West made a motion to approve paying \$3,055.50 now and \$3,055.50 when completed. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Roger Feldhaus gave the Commissioners a folder giving information, such as the WorkOne Annual Report for 2013 and gave information on the activities for the last year.

Terri Simons, WorkOne Workforce Development Services, explained some of the services and programs they offer.

Deb Sheets read a letter written by Jason McBride outlining his success story.

CASA

Kurt Kiefer, CASA Director, informed the Board that the computers in the CASA office are 5 years old and IT has recommended that they get new ones. The CASA budget in County General only has salaries. Mr. Kiefer asked if it would be possible for the Commissioners to put money in their budget to cover the cost of computers for the CASA office. The Commissioners said they would look at including when they start work on the 2016 budget.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Richard Lancaster, Election Board Member, expressed the need for more room for Voter Registration. The process of getting Marriage License and Protective orders happen in the Voter Registration office, which causes privacy issues during an election. Chairman Francis asked if the employee that does the marriage licenses and protective orders could move upstairs. Clerk Leffel-Sand stated that she could not just leave one person in the Voter Registration office. Commissioner West asked if moving Voter Registration to the old Health Department room would help (more space and technically two parts to the office). The Commissioners took a break and went to look at the space with the Clerk and Mr. Lancaster. There was agreement that there was more space, which would certainly help (but will need to revisit at some point in time). Commissioner West made a motion to proceed with moving the Voter Registration office to the old Health Department office. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

DOUGHBOY STATUE

Jeff Staker explained to the Commissioners that his son is a senior in high school and in the Boy Scouts of America. His son would like to refurbish the Doughboy statue for his senior project and Eagle Scout project. They would like to have the statue removed and

sent somewhere to be fixed (they would take full responsibility for the statue) and have the base repaired (fractures) while the statue is off being fixed. Commissioner West made a motion to allow them to proceed with getting the plans together. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts informed the Board that he has the names of two appraisers for the Mock building.

The DNR sent in a request for a letter of support from the Commissioners, as the legislative body of the County, to pay for the 4 acres of ground (at the entrance to the Miami State Recreation Area), with grant monies. The 4 acres were up for auction and the DNR was able to get the bid but needs the letter of support to pay for it with grant money. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (West voted against stating he would not vote for it due to the DNR giving such a hard time for the condition of County roads and the dams at Hidden Hills).

The Commissioners had sent out an RFP for the demolition of the Mock building:

B&G Hall Enterprises - \$8,500

Wade Ames - \$15,000

The Commissioners asked what obligation they had if one of the bidders was not qualified. Mr. Roberts said they would have to wait until the bidder was qualified. The Board tabled until the 2nd meeting in June.

The Commissioners received a letter from George Ruble regarding a dispute he is having with the Town of Macy about some trees on his property. The Board asked Mr. Roberts about the letter and it was determined to be a civil matter and not in the jurisdiction of the Miami County Commissioners.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd brought Resolution 5-18-15 (Approving the Issuance of Bonds for the repair of Hoosier Boulevard, Grissom Reserve Base) to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Mr. Tidd will be securing bonds, guaranteed with TIF dollars, for approximately \$850,000 but no more than \$1,000,000. This would extend the Grissom TIF to 2040.

Commissioner West asked Mr. Tidd if he intended to get bids on the project. Mr. Tidd replied he has one estimate from E & B Paving. Commissioner West feels like a project this size should go through the bid process. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution providing it goes through the bid process. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TREASURER

Rebecca Morris informed the Board that as of Friday we were at 76% collections. Mrs. Morris also said that there has been an issue across the State with people not receiving their tax bills. However, everyone who owns property, know that they own property and if they do not receive their bill by May 1st, should come in and find out if there is a reason and find out the amounts they owe.

INTRASECT

Jim Denniston has been working on an amount to charge the City of Peru Police Department for the backup system. Mr. Denniston said there would need to be an inter-local agreement and the recommended amount would be \$225 a month.

A member of the cleaning crew requested a new key card to replace one that broke. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Commissioner West asked Assessor Sara McAuliffe about personal property forms and who fills them out. Cass County fills out the forms for the taxpayer. Mrs. McAuliffe stated that they help the taxpayer but do not fill out the forms for them.

The Assessor also requested that her 1st Deputy be allowed access 7am to 7pm. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Assessor McAuliffe asked for approval from the Commissioners to purchase Laredo for her office (she would pay for it out of Reassessment). Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made note that he still feels it is wrong for the Recorder to charge other county offices public rates to access the Laredo software. There was also discussion of possibly lowering the Recorders pay since she chooses to close her office every day at lunch. The Recorder’s 1st Deputy was made part time and works 4 days a week and she does pay a part time person but claims the person is old and can do very little.

SECURE TECH SYSTEMS

The Board received a quote from Secure Tech to replace back up batteries, transmitter batteries, repeater battery and service and test the system as well as a 2 year extended warranty for \$1941. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign the 2 year contract with Secure Tech. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HAND SANITIZERS

The Commissioners reviewed options for hand sanitizers (for placement at the time clocks) as some staff requested. Commissioner West made a motion to purchase. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COVERED BRIDGE REPORT

Commissioner West made a motion to sign the report stating there are no covered bridges in Miami County. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SECURITY

Security Officer Tim Hunter brought in the list of complaints/repair request for the time frame 4-20-15 to 5-13-15.

BERCKER MOCK BUILDING

The Board received a quote of \$400 from Donathan Inspections for the Asbestos inspection for the Becker-Mock building.

INTRASECT BILLS

Commissioner directed the Auditor to pay the Intrasect bills from Cum Courthouse. Note: Highway is responsible for paying their bills from Intrasect.

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, Chairman
Joshua Francis

_____, Vice Chairman
Larry West

_____, Member
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley